



## RSF Research Security Outcomes Report 2023-2024

Notional amount for 2023-2024: \$53,612

Project title	Output (investment of research security funds)	Performance objective	Performance indicator	Target outcome	Reported Outcomes
<b>Containment Level 3 (CL3) Laboratory Administration and Operating Oversight Improvements</b>	\$29,612 committed to establishing and implementing administrative and operating oversight improvements to Brock’s CL3 laboratory.	Ensure security of the CL3 lab by maintaining access to the lab for key personnel.	Maintain database of key personnel with access to the CL3 lab, and ensure all personnel are active periodically.	Keep personnel database up to date with periodic audits.	Database of personnel is maintained and audited periodically in compliance with the approved Brock University Biosafety Plan for Administrative Oversight.
		Oversee deployment of Brock’s biosecurity plan for the CL3 lab.	Develop standard operating procedures for the CL3 lab addressing biosecurity.	Ensure all users of the CL3 lab have read and understood biosecurity SOPs.	Standard CL3 biosecurity measures are in place, and users are trained; proficiency is tested to be achieved. An updated biosecurity plan that includes upgraded measures for SSBA material is awaiting regulator’s approval for full implementation.
		Increase participation and awareness about research security initiatives pertaining to the use of the CL3 lab.	Development of a training module on research security pertaining to the CL3 lab.	All CL3 lab users complete research security training.	Completion of related PHAC training was completed by all CL3 personnel.
<b>Research Management System (RMS) Implementation</b>	Funds were reallocated towards a new research security strategies implementation	Create a mechanism to capture research security components in the RMS to support research staff in reviewing applications.	Alleviate administrative burden of assessing research security concerns of funding applications.	Create reporting mechanism for research areas and partners of potential concern.	RMS progress but the Research security module has not yet been incorporated, plans to incorporate in 2025.

	project.	Enhance security of research funding application management.	Developing mechanism for funding partner management and centralizing project approvals, including research security assessment.	Create a repository of research funding partners.	RMS progress but the Research security module has not yet been incorporated, plans to incorporate in 2025.
<b>Research Security Strategies Implementation</b>	\$24,000 reallocated from RMS to support management and administration, training, and improved research security across the institution	Ensure administrative support to manage and implement research security strategies at the institution.	Administration of research security strategies and related activities are implemented, and the Institutional research community receives support.	Research Officer is appointed to lead the implementation of strategies and manage educational initiatives.	<p>Brock's Office of Research Services appointed a Research Officer to lead the implementation of research security strategies and educational initiatives.</p> <p>Research Officer supported the formulation of an institutional research security working group in early 2024, creating foundational plans and guidelines to support outreach and educational initiatives on research security.</p>
		Provide professional development opportunities to research security champions.	Professional development enhances knowledge and better equips the research security champions to support the institutional research community in navigating government policies.	Research security champions engage in professional development (e.g., training and conferences).	Research Officer has engaged in numerous professional development opportunities to enhance research security knowledge and support the institution's Research Enterprise staff and researchers.